

## **Interagency Council Meeting Minutes January 24, 2007**

**Attendees:** Sherry Seiwert, IHCD; Rodney Stockment, IHCD; Charles Coley, IHCD; Tony Gillespie, Brothers Uplifting Brothers; Steve Camilleri, Center for the Homeless; Adam Kronk, Center for the Homeless; Fred Hash, Great Lakes Capital Fund; Frank Hagaman, Partners in Housing; Bud Myers, Indianapolis Housing Agency; Lori Phillips, Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP); Michael Reinke, Indiana Coalition on Housing and Homeless Issues (ICHHI); Patrick Taylor, (ICHHI); Bob Rogers, VA Medical Center; Deirdre Baskin, Department of Corrections; Charles Boyle, FSSA Division of Mental Health and Addiction; Casey Seiler, Social Security Administration; Billie Jo Limbach, Social Security Administration; Joe Pendleton, Disability Determination Bureau; Dave Liebel, Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives; Rita Hope, Indiana State Dept of Health; Jim Hurst; Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers; John Dorgan, HUD; and Betty Culley, Indiana Dept of Workforce Development.

### **I. Opening Introductions: Welcome and Interagency Council Purpose**

- A. Rodney Stockment, Community Services Manager, introduced himself. He discussed the formation of the Community Services department and its purpose. Mr. Stockment stated that the purpose of the Interagency Council is to create an environment to bring together an innovative group in an environment where solutions can be created to reduce homelessness.
- B. Charles Coley, Homeless Liaison, introduced himself and Tony Gillespie, Brothers Uplifting Brothers, as the Co-Moderators of the Interagency Council.

### **II. Group Introductions**

- A. Mr. Coley requested that everyone introduce themselves and their organizations.
- B. Each person was asked to state their expectations of the Interagency Council for 2007's objectives and "Indiana's 10-year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness". The responses included:
  - 1. Conversation among various organizations and agencies.
  - 2. To make sure the group has the ability to make decisions and implement plans.
  - 3. Progress reports to communicate work being done, what's being done and by whom.
  - 4. Continuity of meetings
  - 5. List items that could be legislative issues.

6. Discuss gaps and possible solutions.
- C. The Council is comprised of interested parties from state agencies, human services agencies, community groups and others who all have a vested interest in ending chronic homelessness by providing funding, housing, and a myriad of services.

### **III. Tipping Point – Supportive Housing Leadership Forum**

- A. Fred Hash, Great Lakes Capital Fund, gave an update on the Leadership Forum. It will be an invitation-only function. Mr. Hash asked the Council to forward names for the invitation list. The forum will bring together national leaders on the homeless issue. He stressed the importance of collecting good data and the need to talk dollars and cents. People are outcome oriented and would be more willing to invest. Must get government and philanthropy to see the issue through another lens. Show how changes in public policy affect the issue. Must find a way to make philanthropy an advocate for homelessness. Mr. Hash briefly discussed the article “Ending Homelessness in America: Have We Reached the Tipping Point?” by Carla I. Javits. The article was distributed to the group.
- B. The group discussed the presentation. It was determined that the Council would compile the necessary statistics and data to support recommendations, such as number of units needed. Mr. Coley concluded that the Council would need to create a sustainable structure that can be implemented.

### **IV. Presentation of “10-Year Plan” Timeline**

- A. Mr. Coley gave an overview of the 10-Year Plan. He summarized the first year goals and stressed the importance of moving forward. Mr. Coley invited Lori Phillips, CHIP, to share information about the conversion strategy and implementation process her organization has developed. Ms. Phillips stated that her organization has developed a program model matrix from the planning to implementation stages. Additionally, necessary resources were targeted – funding resources, service providers and government entities. They have already completed planning and are ready for implementation.
- B. The group identified some of the gaps that need to be bridged to move forward.
  1. The need to open State Veteran’s Home to chronically homeless veterans.
  2. Research into regulatory barriers (Section 8 and other HUD matters)
  3. Identification of the number of ex-offenders that may become chronically homeless and/or promotion of re-entry initiatives.
  4. Support of detoxification centers for the chronically homeless.

5. Analysis of HUD's current definition of chronic homelessness (supporting the expansion of the definition).
  6. Increasing the number of county correctional facilities that have MOUs with Social Security Administration.
  7. Analysis of the larger issue of service provider funding.
  8. Analysis of larger Medicaid/Medicare funding issues.
  9. Need to publish the Plan on state agency website and develop an Interagency Council listserv.
  10. Need to phrase the Plan in common language for statewide comprehension.
- C. The group brainstormed ideas to develop a tactical strategy. Four broad objectives were identified as actionable.
1. Quantitative research to determine the number of chronically homeless within the state of Indiana as well as to establish baseline data for figures that will be measured in Year 5.
  2. Development of 10-Year Plans in the statewide Continuum of Care network.
  3. Education/coordination with the 13 Continuum of Care networks to inform them of the Council's initiatives and the existence of the 10-Year Plan.
  4. Forward movement on the issue of supportive housing statewide.

Meeting adjourned.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 28th, 2007 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at IHCD (30 South Meridian, Indianapolis).**